

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion, and protruding portions are arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

wherein the decorative portion includes serrations~~intereconnected tops and bottoms, and the tops of the~~ serrations ~~decorative portion~~ protruding higher than ~~the bottoms of the~~ serrations~~decorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged,

wherein the protruding portions protrude higher than the tops of the serrations~~decorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall, the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark, and

wherein a joined portion joins one of the protruding portions to the decorative portion ~~including the serrations, wherein the joined portion is another of the protruding portions, and bottoms of the joined portion are~~ higher than the bottoms of the serrations with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewalldecorative portion.

2. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein the joined portion includes a high decorative portion including serrations that is provided between the protruding portions,~~

wherein a second joined portion joining the one of the protruding portions to the high decorative portion is higher than the bottoms of the serrations of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall having interconnected tops and bottoms, the bottoms of the high decorative portion being higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall.

3. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being continuous from both sides of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion and protruding portions are arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

wherein the decorative portion includes serrations~~interconnected tops and bottoms~~, and the tops of the serrations~~decorative portion~~ protruding higher than ~~the~~ bottoms of the serrations~~decorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged,

wherein the protruding portions protrude higher than the tops of the serrations ~~decorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall, ~~the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark~~, and

wherein a joined portion joins one of the protruding portions to the decorative portion including the serrations, wherein the joined portion is higher than the bottoms of the serrations with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall;

wherein a flat portion continuously extends between the one of the protruding portions and another of the protruding portions, and a joined portion joining the one of the protruding

portions to the flat portion is higher than the bottoms of the serrations of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall  
~~wherein a flat portion higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall continuously extends from one of the protruding portions to another of the protruding portions;~~  
wherein each of the protruding portions forms a character, respectively, and the flat portion is formed between the characters.

4. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein a ratio of a width of the flat portion is 40 to 70% with respect to a width between ends of top surfaces of the protruding portions.

5. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein a corner region connecting the flat portion and each protruding portion is formed of a round portion.

6. (original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 5, wherein the round portion has a radius of 0.2 to 1.0 mm.

7. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein a height of the bottom of the joined portion is set within a range of 30% to 70% with respect to a height to each top surface of the protruding portions.

8. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire comprising a cylindrical crown portion, and a pair of sidewalls and a pair of bead portions, the sidewalls and the bead portions being

continuous from both side of the crown portion, in which a decorative portion and protruding portions are arranged on at least one of the sidewalls,

wherein the decorative portion includes serrations~~intereonected tops and bottoms~~, and the tops of the serrations~~deorative portion~~ protruding higher than the bottoms of the serrations~~deorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall on which the decorative portion is arranged,

wherein the protruding portions protrude higher than the tops of the serrations~~deorative portion~~ with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall, the protruding portions including at least one of a character and a mark, and

a high decorative portion, including serrations, that is provided between the protruding portions, wherein a joined portion joining the one of the protruding portions to the high decorative portion is higher than the bottoms of the serrations of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall

~~wherein a joined portion joins one of the protruding portions to another of the protruding portions, bottoms of the joined portion are higher than the bottoms of the decorative portion with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall, and tops of the joined portion are lower than the protruding portions with respect to a direction of protruding from the sidewall.~~

9. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 8, wherein the protruding portions comprise a group of letters.

14. (canceled).